MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Muruvelil Pachu Pillai has put a statement into my hands asking for leave of the Council to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the serious and anxious situation created by the heavy and untimely rains and floods in the State. I think that the motion is admissible; and I put it to the Council whether the member has the leave of the Council to make the motion.

As nobody objects to it, I take it that the member has the leave of the House to make the motion.

The motion will be taken up for discussion at 3-30 P.M. on Monday next.

POINT OF ORDER *re* STANDING ORDER No. 9.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, with reference to the point of order which I submitted.....

PRESIDENT: It does not arise now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): But I am entitled to submit a point of order, for the decision of the Chair, at any time. And no ruling has been given on the point of order.

PRESIDENT: You want a ruling on that point?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Yes. In Standing Order No. 9 it is definitely stated that the first hour of every day's meeting shall be made available for 'Questions and Answers'. So, that time cannot be taken up for any other business except the swearing in of new members which has been definitely provided for. So, my submission is, that the Financial Secretary cannot take up the question time of the House for reading 'Statements laid on the table'.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Apparently, what Mr. Asan means is that, although in the Statement of business the item 'Statement laid on the table' has been put after the item 'Questions and Answers', the President called upon the Financial Secretary to read the 'Statement laid on the table'. My submission is that the President was with in his rights in changing the order of business given in the agenda. And the House has not at all been prejudiced by that. It seems to me, Sir, to be a very trivial matter.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Can the President call the Financial Secretary to read the 'Statement laid on the table', against Standing Order No. 9?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The House has not in any way been prejudiced by that.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Was there any necessity to suspend the rule?

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